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The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I, claim(s) 1-15, 21-24, 33-34, drawn to a fusion protein and a method of making as well as a method of using the same, wherein the fusion protein comprises the first polypeptide of protein L and a second amino acid sequence of a peptide or protein that does not bind an immunoglobuline region .

Group II, claim(s) 16-18, 35, drawn to a nucleic acid encoding a fusion protein and a composition comprising protein L, a vector and a cell comprising said vector.

Group III, claim(s) 19-20, 36, drawn to a virus particle and a composition comprising said viral particle.

Group IV, claim(s) 25-32, drawn to a method using a fusion protein comprising protein L and a Fab2 fragment for treating a disease.

2. The inventions listed as Groups I to IV do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: the technical feature for making a fusion protein comprising protein L that does not comprise the part binding to an antibody fragment is not same as the technical feature of a fusion protein comprising antibody fragment Fab2 cited in group IV. Therefore, there is no common technical feature linking all inventions cited in different groups.

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Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the requirement may be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To preserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

3. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BAO LI whose telephone number is (571)272-0904. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 am to 3:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bruce Campell can be reached on 571-272-0974. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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